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NJMC Announces Winter/Spring Public Programming

LYNDHURST, N.J. – Nature-themed education workshops, local history talks, and classical and jazz concerts highlight a diverse schedule of public programming for all ages this winter and spring at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's Meadowlands Environment Center.

The schedule kicks off at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 30, with a free talk on Bergen County's role in the Revolutionary War. The program, co-presented by the Meadowlands Museum, features revolutionary re-enactors dressed in period costume who will also discuss the uniforms and equipment used by Continental Army soldiers.

"The Environment Center's wide variety of educational and cultural enrichment programs provides a wonderful opportunity for families to learn together about the region's rich history and the importance of environmental preservation," said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC. "These hands-on workshops and talks reflect the Commission's ongoing commitment to adding to the quality of life in the Meadowlands District."

Children can interact with reptiles, amphibians and mammals during an Animal Junction program on Feb. 5, learn all about honeybees on April 16 and participate in a multi-sensory Spring Has Sprung event on May 21. Teachers are invited to schedule a class visit to the MEC on May 3 for "Maggie McGee Goes Green!" The musical production aims to educate young people about the importance of environmental stewardship.

Programs for adults include a March 15 talk on former Fort Lee resident Alice Guy Blache, who is widely acknowledged as the first woman director in motion picture history, and an April 6 lecture on the history of the Passaic River. On March 23, explorer Stefan Kindberg discusses his expeditions to Antarctica. The MEC's Musical Salon Series features classical performances by oboist Ellen Katz Willner on Feb. 27 and cellist Stephen Framil performing cello suites by Johann Sebastian Bach on April 3. The Rafi D'Lugoff Piano Trio plays jazz classics from the American Songbook on March 13.

Other program highlights include a Herbal Tea Workshop on Feb. 12, Nature Painting for Beginners programs on March 19 and 26, and a talk on ancient Egypt on March 29.

Many of the programs are free; some have a nominal fee and require pre-registration. To view a complete schedule of events and register for a program, visit the MEC website, www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec. For more information or to request a schedule by mail, call 201-460-8300.

The Meadowlands Environment Center is located in DeKorte Park, a one-square-mile urban oasis of walking trails and water views framed by the New York City skyline. The MEC is also home to the Flyway Gallery, which hosts monthly nature-themed exhibits by local artists, and the Discovery Station, an interactive learning center for children focused on the marshes of the Meadowlands.

A complete calendar of events is attached. To arrange media coverage, contact Brian Aberback at 201-460-4619 or brian.aberback@njmeadowlands.gov.

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